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In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: G. Mesh
TATSUKI FUKUI ET AL.)	
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application was mailed on August 25, 2008. Prior to paying the issue fee, Applicants again respectfully request consideration of the Biodegradable Plastics Handbook cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 4, 2005.

The Examiner crossed out the citation of the Biodegradable Plastics Handbook on Form PTO-1449 filed on October 4, 2005 (copy attached) and indicated that this document was not considered because an adequate translation was not provided.

Applicants, however, reminded the Examiner that a translation is not required in order to have a foreign language document considered. A concise explanation of its relevance should be sufficient to warrant consideration (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i)). In that regard, Applicants provided a concise explanation of relevance by directing the Examiner's attention to the chemical structures in the cited excerpt from the Biodegradable Plastics Handbook. These structures can be considered without any translation. Thus, since the Examiner still has not confirmed such consideration in writing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to do so as soon as possible.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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